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Halifax Mooseheads forward Matthew Boudreau tries to screen goalie Marc-Olivier Daigle during practice at Colisée Rimouski on Thursday afternoon. The Mooseheads take on the Rimouski Oceanic Friday night in Game 5 of their QMJHL semifinal, with the series returning to Halifax Sunday afternoon. The series is tied 2-2. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

NDP zips lips on health-deal costs

Opposition wants details released now.
Calls on premier not to wait for tentative agreement to be ratified

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Premier Darrell Dexter is refusing to comment on the financial impact of the tentative agreement reached between Capital Health and the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union.

Dexter told reporters Thursday he wouldn't comment on the agreement until the deal is ratified, which could happen Friday.

"It's not really appropriate at this point because this is all speculation," Dexter said. "We have a tentative agreement, we do not have an agreement."

The public does not have to speculate on the range of the raises, however. The union has suggested a 2.9 per cent raise in the first year, a 2.9 per cent raise in the second year, and a 3.25 per cent raise in the final year of the agreement. Capital



Health countered with two per cent raises in the first two years, with a 2.5 per cent raise in year three.

Both sides have agreed to send the wage issue to a provincially appointed arbitrator, who is expected to resolve the matter by June 15.

There is also some ambiguity as to whether the province will be covering the costs of the raise. In their 2012-13 business plan, Capital Health only budgeted for one per cent raises for the next three years.

"That's what we've budgeted for. Anything above that would need to be discussed with the province," said Peter Graham, a Capital Health spokesman. "In the past, the

Getting back to business

- Routine walk-in service for things like blood collection and diagnostic imaging have returned following this week's preparedness for a possible strike, according to Capital Health.
- The health authority is also beginning to reschedule surgeries based on urgency, and is asking anyone who had a surgery cancelled to wait to be contacted.
- A total of 172 beds remain closed until the union ratifies the tentative deal.

province has come forward and helped us cover the additional costs ... we haven't had that conversation yet."

Whoever ends up holding the bill, it appears the NDP's template of one per cent raises in the public sector is over. But Dexter said the government is still in restraint mode.

"We wish that were over ... but it's not," he said.

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Two-vehicle collision

Woman dies, man injured in highway crash

One woman is dead and a man was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries after a two-vehicle collision on Highway 107 near Exit 19 on Thursday.

Halifax RCMP say the accident took place at about 4:10 p.m. just west of West Porters Lake Road.

Police say the 69-year-old female driver of a Honda Civic died at the scene. The car collided with a Ford quad cab and the male driver was injured.

The crash closed down the highway for several hours as investigators looked into the cause.

Police aren't releasing the victim's name until next of kin are notified.

PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Lotto 6-49

Winner claims \$15.8M jackpot

It appears we have ourselves a winner.

Someone claiming to hold the winning ticket from Wednesday's Lotto 6-49 draw that was sold in Dartmouth, worth nearly \$16 million, contacted the Atlantic Lottery Corp. on Thursday.

Spokeswoman Lindsay Shannon confirmed the call was received but she was unsure if the ticket had been presented yet.

"The verification process can take anywhere from several hours or up to 30 days or longer," she said.

Atlantic Lottery announced on Thursday morning that the lone winning ticket from the draw, worth a cool \$15.78 million, was purchased in Dartmouth. Shannon wouldn't say where specifically the ticket was bought. **METRO**



Nova Scotia Teachers Union president Alexis Allen speaks at a press conference at Province House on Thursday. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Grits, teachers union target education cuts

20,000-signature petition. Premier unfazed, says declining enrolment behind funding reduction



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The opposition Liberals renewed their call for the province to reverse recent cuts to the public education system.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil tabled a petition signed by 20,000 people demanding the NDP reverse the cuts and prevent further cuts to public education.

"The effects of this gov-

Quoted

"Public education must play a vital role in supporting our bright economic future. Yet the provincial government continues to cut millions each year from public education."

Alexis Allen, president, Nova Scotia Teachers Union

ernment's cuts are being felt in the classrooms," McNeil said during question period on Thursday. "Students are getting fewer supports and still it is the students who need the most support who are being left behind."

The petition was collected by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. At a press conference at Province House on Thursday, NSTU president Alexis Allen said the cuts mean the loss of 300 or more teaching

positions.

"The public must realize that when teachers are retiring, their position is not being filled," Allen said. "School boards and teachers continue to do more with less ... the toll is a heavy one."

Taking into account inflationary pressures, the NSTU claims the government has cut \$65 million from education since 2010.

The government line for

the past two years has been that funding reductions reflect declining enrolment across the province. The NDP have argued that per-student funding has in fact risen during their mandate.

"(McNeil) understands, I'm sure, that with the large decrease in the population of students in the province that, in fact, we have a system where demand is decreasing," Premier Darrell Dexter said, in response to the Liberals' questions.

"He can try to cherry-pick the last three years, but (he) cannot deny the inevitability of 2,250 fewer students in a regional school board and an increase of 146 (education assistant) hours. How, by anybody's math, is that not more?"

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On the web

Erotic reading for men, too

Seems it's not just the ladies who are devoted to the erotic trilogy *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Men — young, old, gay and straight — have been devouring newcomer E.L. James' sexy series. Read the full story at metronews.ca

Who's teasing whom?

Teachers south of the border have been caught hurling insults like "bastard," "tard," "damn dumb" and "hippo in a ballerina suit" at a special-needs student. Suspicious parents had armed their kids with audio recorders to figure out what was going on at school. Watch at metronews.ca

Mobile news



After two emergency landings in one week caused by birds flying into planes, a U.S. senator is asking for a solution that could solve the problem once and for all. Scan the code to read about the fatal goose roundup.

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Another Mooseheads' sellout in just a matter of minutes

Ticket rush.

Mooseheads estimate only single seats were left seven minutes after tickets went on sale for Game 6



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Chris Green wasn't taking any chances.

The Eastern Passage man woke up before the sun did to be first in line at the Metro Centre box office on Thursday for tickets to Game 6 of the QMJHL semifinal series between the Halifax Mooseheads and Rimouski Oceanic.

Green arrived at 4:30 a.m. Six and a half hours later, when tickets went on sale, more than 100 people were behind him in line.

"I knew it was going to be like this today," said Green, who got tickets for games 1 and 2 by showing up around 8 a.m.

"I wasn't missing this. I



The Halifax Mooseheads mascot watches fans buying tickets on Thursday at the Metro Centre box office. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

figured there would be a lot more people here, a lot more earlier than they were (last time)."

Every ticket for the 10,595-seat arena was gone in 20 minutes, making Sunday's Game 6 the third time in the series that the Metro Centre will be sold out.

It took under two hours for all the tickets to be gobbled up for games 1 and 2.

When the box office opened on Thursday at 11 a.m., Green got the 12 tickets he wanted in the lower bowl, but not all together.

"They got heart. They're playing with hearts on

their sleeves," said Green, explaining why he thinks Halifax has been able to win games 3 and 4 after losing the first two contests at home.

Three hours after Green showed up, Briana Turner of Dartmouth and her friend joined the line and were also rewarded with lower-bowl seats.

"I definitely wasn't missing this game," she said.

"We could only get upper bowl (for Game 1) and I went two hours early. I was impatient this time, so I decided to come earlier and make sure I could get lower bowl."

Ceremony

Jumping on Moose Bandwagon.

- **Flag raising.** Mayor Peter Kelly is welcoming everyone as he hosts a flag-raising ceremony to support the Halifax Mooseheads at Halifax City Hall on Friday at 10 a.m.



Chris Green holds the tickets he got for Sunday's Game 6 between the Mooseheads and Oceanic after being first in line at the Metro Centre box office on Thursday. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Airport bus route ready to roll

Years in the making, the airport bus will start its run next month.

A 2009 staff report outlined a possible start of time of spring 2011, but that didn't happen.

There were many delays in establishing the airport MetroX bus route, but a statement issued by Metro Transit Thursday said it will start May 31.

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Peak schedule

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The new MetroX bus route will leave every 30 minutes from the Fall River park-and-ride during peak hour.

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The new MetroX will leave every 30 minutes from the

Fall River park-and-ride during peak hours and every hour in off-peak times.

The Fall River park-and-ride off of Highway 118 and Perrin Drive can accommodate 90 vehicles.

The entire route is 40 minutes and it's a seven-day service.

The first trip leaves Halifax after 4 a.m. and the last bus leaves Halifax at 11:20 p.m. **METRO**

Nocturne must reapply for grant

Nocturne: Art at Night has been asked to apply again for a municipal grant.

Rose Zack, Nocturne's chair, said they were advised to apply for a non-annual grant this year since the program was being revised. On Tuesday, council learned Nocturne was turned down for a grant in that program because it's an annual event.

On Thursday, HRM asked Nocturne to reapply to the

Necessary funding

"Without HRM's financial contribution, the very future of our great event is at risk."

Rose Zack, Nocturne chair

Special Events Advisory Committee.

"Although we've been told

we should have a response within a month, a change at this late date unnecessarily duplicates our previous work and stalls our planning efforts," Zack wrote in a statement on Thursday. Plus, funding isn't guaranteed.

She said organizers have less than six months until the event and are stressed with figuring out how to pay artists. The event is free and volunteer-based. **JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO**

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Child-victim support groups get boost

Justice system.

Atlantic Canada's first centre for young victims expected to open next year in Halifax



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Being a victim is bad enough, but when the system fails children, it makes it even worse.

"For young victims, navigating the justice system can be frustrating, frightening and a difficult experience," said Central Nova MP Peter MacKay. "Scars are compounded if they feel the system has also failed them."

At the IWK Health Centre's auditorium Thursday morning, federal Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson announced \$350,000 of seed money for Halifax to start up a Child and Youth Advocacy Centre.

Currently, children who have lived through violence and abuse bounce between independent agencies like

Negative associations

- The Child and Youth Advocacy Centre won't be located at the IWK Health Centre, as some children might have negative associations of it if they came there for medical treatment, Amy Ornstein said Thursday.

police, mental-health counselling and others.

A CYAC would be a one-stop centre where child victims and their families will have a "quarterback" who will lead them through the entire process, from giving a police statement to testifying in court, said Amy Ornstein, a pediatrician on the IWK's Child Protection Team.

"The fundamental principle is the child and family will only have to come to one place and that place is a child-friendly setting where the child will feel safe," Ornstein said.

"For example, they won't be interviewed in a police department or a hospital emergency department."



Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, left, and Central Nova MP Peter MacKay leave a news conference after announcing funding for a child-advocacy centre at the IWK Health Centre on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There are more than 1,100 of these centres in the United States, but only a handful in Canada, Ornstein said. This will be the first for Atlantic Canada, and is scheduled to be open by the fall of 2013.

Hundreds of children a year are expected to use it.

The \$350,000 will be spent on a business case, site studies and setup.

After that, the centre's managers will have to establish funding.

New cases

6,000

The number of new victim cases opened each year in Nova Scotia.

\$2M in funding

Support for adults

Adults weren't left out of the federal funding announcement Thursday at the IWK Health Centre.

Rob Nicholson, federal justice minister, said the province will receive \$2 million for victim-support programs spread out through 2016.

Ross Landry, Nova Scotia's justice minister, said the money will go to enhancing the services the province already offers. His department spends about \$3 million a year on victim services — for instance, a program tailored to the Mi'kmaq community, and another to fund travel to court for victims to deliver their impact statements.

"Other initiatives include our new restitution and collection project," he said. "It's a response to the fact that many victims of crime for whom restitution is ordered never receive it."

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Tories demand Peterson-Rafuse step down

Allegations.

Handling of report on Talbot House under questioning



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The Progressive Conservatives are calling on Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse to step down over the handling of a report on a Cape Breton recovery house.

The Tories claim Perston-Rafuse violated the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act by releasing a confidential report on Talbot House on the department's website.

The report contained several allegations against Talbot

House's executive director — who is well known in that community — that were discredited by the time the review was released.

But Peterson-Rafuse said her department followed proper protocol — and only released the report because a member of the media had requested the information.

"This report is no different than any other organizational review," Peterson-Rafuse said on Thursday. "There were no accusations published."

In fact, the review contains several accusations from "stakeholders" concerning the operation of Talbot House, including specific accusations against the executive director. They include "inappropriate comments," accusations of favouritism, and clients staying at the executive direc-

tor's house.

During question period on Thursday, Tory house leader Chris d'Entremont cited several examples of cabinet ministers resigning over mistakenly releasing private information. He called on Premier Darrell Dexter to replace his minister.

The premier was unmoved. "There was no mention of anybody in that report, and the only people who should resign, if that's their test, (is) them, because they are

Not named

Premier Darrell Dexter and Denise Peterson-Rafuse both noted on Thursday nobody was mentioned by name in the report. There is, however, only one executive director at Talbot House.

the only ones that brought forward a name publicly," Dexter said.



Denise Peterson-Rafuse is seen in this file photo.
RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Salmon anemia. Virus outbreak at fish farm has spread, minister says

Nova Scotia's fisheries minister says a fish farm in the province has been ordered to kill all of its salmon because a virus previously found there has spread.

Sterling Belliveau said Thursday that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency gave the order to Cooke Aquaculture's fish farm in Shelburne Harbour.

In February, the federal agency ordered the company to kill fish in two pens and quarantine its site after an outbreak of infectious salmon anemia was detected during routine testing.

Belliveau said the latest order will result in the deaths of thousands of fish in up to 24 pens. But he said he has no concerns the virus has spread beyond the site, adding that it hasn't shak-

No threat to humans

- Infectious salmon anemia poses no threat to human health or food safety, but it can kill up to 90 per cent of the salmon it infects, depending on the strain.
- The virus first appeared at fish farms in Norway almost two decades ago, then in New Brunswick and later Scotland.

en his confidence in the farmed salmon industry.

"I see this as part of reality," he said. "This is a serious issue but the process is in place to manage this."

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Ease of easement

Land-use preservation law proposed

The province has introduced legislation that would preserve the traditional use of lands such as farms in the event of a sale.

Natural Resources Minister Charlie Parker says the proposed Community Easements Act would allow any community group to obtain an easement after reaching an agreement with the owner of the land.

Parker says the legislation would make it possible for community groups to pay land owners for the right to limit future uses.

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Kentville

Two sent to hospital from industrial park

Two people were transported to hospital from a business in the Kentville Industrial Park on Thursday morning.

Kentville and New Minas firefighters, Kentville police, paramedics and the Kings County Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Team all responded to the scene of a Hazmat incident at a business on Chipman Drive in the Annapolis Valley Regional Industrial Park.

Two patients were transported to Valley Regional Hospital in stable condition.

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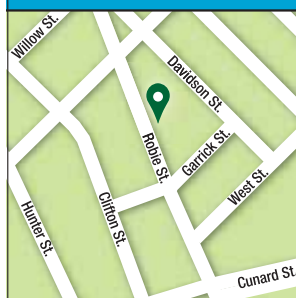


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Two-vehicle crash

Man charged in fatal car crash granted bail

An Antigonish man charged in a car crash last November that killed two teenagers has been granted bail. William Fogarty has been placed on 24-hour house arrest. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Protest

Grandparents' rights in spotlight

About 15 protesters gathered near NDP MLA Lenore Zann's office on the corner of Commercial and Prince streets in Truro on Thursday to lobby for the right of grandparents to see their grandchildren. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**



Lobbying for grandparents' rights. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Activist beaten to death

Shock over Taavel murder lingers

An Amherst gay-rights activist remains in shock at the murder last week of Raymond Taavel.

"It's a horrible thing and I feel really bad about it," Gerard Veldhoven said. "As an activist you put yourself out there, and in the back of

your mind you think about what could happen."

Taavel, a prominent activist in Halifax's gay community, was attacked when he tried to break up a fight between two men outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street. He ended up dying at the scene.

Andre Noel Denny of Membertou has been charged with second-degree murder in Taavel's death. **AMHERST DAILY NEWS**



Raymond Taavel
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The power of advertising

Buying behaviour. Conventional media still tops, but the Internet also seeing plenty of eyeballs



BY THE NUMBERS
Rick Emberley
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Almost 80 per cent of us say we never click on Internet pop-up ads, but nonetheless the Internet is impacting how we see advertising and it's definitely affecting our buying behaviour.

Even though the amount of time we spend online is growing all the time (it's up 20 per cent since 2008), 65 per cent of HRM residents surveyed say we very regularly look through flyers and another 21 per cent do so sometimes. We still rely on conventional media as the main source of advertising information.

We asked our survey group to recall the most memorable ad they had noticed in the past month and 90 per cent recalled one they had seen on TV. Only

Number surveyed

508

A total of 508 HRM residents were surveyed, with the poll carrying a margin of error of plus or minus 4.6 per cent.

one per cent mentioned an ad they had seen on the Internet. An important qualification here is that fully 40 per cent of our total sample could not recall any ad that stood out to them.

So what is all the consumer hype about when it comes to the Internet? Well, the net may still have a way to go in terms of our consumption, attitudes and response to advertising, but when it comes to our purchase behaviour, the impact is large and growing fast.

Most of those surveyed, 62 per cent, say they use the Internet to check out products and services before making a purchase. That's up from 45 per cent less than two years ago.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for more than 25 years.



Town Clock re-created, LEGO brick by LEGO brick

Owen Grace of Bricks By The Sea stands next to his creation of the Halifax Town Clock designed entirely from LEGO pieces at the Discovery Centre in Halifax on Thursday. The clock, made up 12,465 LEGO blocks, will be on display as part of the centre's launch this weekend of the Lindsay Construction Building Centre, a new space housing thousands of LEGO and Duplo bricks for kids. **PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO**

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Whoops

PMO likely shredded historical documents

The prime minister's mail room has lost some historical documents on sports, music and politics — and they appear to have been accidentally shredded.

The package of six documents, a gift, arrived in the facility last May. The envelope was date-stamped as being received but it got lost.

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Military hearing

Once-happy son killed himself after tour: Mom

Sheila Fynes is telling a military complaints commission about her son, Cpl. Stuart Langridge, who killed himself in 2008 after returning from Afghanistan in 2005. Fynes says a boy who was once happy-go-lucky shut down after coming home.

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Elderly beekeeper

Accused war criminal, 91, lives quietly in Quebec

A man alleged to be one of the world's most-wanted Nazi war criminals is living a quiet life keeping bees and selling honey in rural Quebec.

Vladimir Katriuk's name was recently added to the Simon Wiesenthal Centre's list of the world's 10 most-wanted suspected former Nazis. The married Ukrainian-Canadian of Ormstown, Que., won't discuss the allegations.

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Michael Rafferty trial

Crown's case winds down

The car belonging to the man accused of killing Victoria Stafford was an assortment of poorly done or odd modifications. Those features can be seen in surveillance video from the day the girl was abducted, court heard Thursday in London, Ont.

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Harper to vote against motion from his own MP

Abortion debate.

Conservative backbencher wants to set up committee to review Criminal Code language on fetuses

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he'll vote against a motion introduced by one of his own MPs that has reignited the national abortion debate.

The Opposition and pro-choice advocates have criticized Harper for allowing debate on the motion.

Harper called the abortion motion from MP Stephen Woodworth unfortunate.

The motion would set up a committee of MPs to review the Criminal Code section that says a fetus does not become a human until birth is complete.

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MP Stephen Woodworth rises on Thursday to start the debate on when human life begins. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Expenses

Oda has now repaid limo costs: Office

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda has agreed to repay almost \$3,000 she charged taxpayers for limousine service while staying at a posh hotel in London.

The beleaguered Conservative minister had already coughed up \$1,353.81 in extra hotel charges after media reports that she upgraded to the five-star-plus Savoy Hotel for unknown reasons during a conference last June.

The conference on international immunizations was at another five-star hotel where Oda cancelled her cheaper room in favour of the tonier Savoy, more than two kilometres away.

A terse message from Oda's office said all costs that should not have been expensed have been repaid.

Oda's expensive tastes, including a \$16 glass of orange juice at the Savoy, created a storm of controversy as the government is cutting overseas development funding.

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MPP seeks to ban indoor tanning for under 18s

As a child, Kate Neale always wore hats and high-SPF sunscreen to protect her ultra-fair skin from the rays of the sun.

But at 16, wanting to emulate the bronze-skinned Hollywood stars with whom she'd become so enamoured, she started indoor tanning

and quickly got hooked.

"I was tanning three to four times a week," said Neale of Belleville, Ont., who turned 22 on Thursday.

"It made me feel better about myself, and people were always complimenting me, saying, 'Oh you have such a nice tan.'"

Once she started toasting her body under the ultra-violet lights, it quickly became an addiction.

Five years later, what she thought was a freckle above her belly button was diagnosed as malignant melanoma, a potentially deadly skin cancer.

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Regulation of the industry

The proposed Skin Cancer Prevention Act by the NDP's health critic seeks regulation of the industry. If passed, the bill would require indoor tanning salons to adhere to strict marketing and promotion practices that are aimed at young clients, including posting health warnings and training for staff.

"Tanning salons directly target youth," Gelinas said.



Kate Neale, who was diagnosed with a malignant melanoma after using tanning beds, poses with Ontario NDP health critic France Gelinas.

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Sierra Leone. Civil-war survivors celebrate warlord's conviction

Thousands of people who survived Sierra Leone's brutal civil war a decade ago celebrated Thursday after learning that Charles Taylor had been convicted for his role in the conflict that left behind countless amputees and traumatized former child soldiers.

Officials had set up special viewing sites for people to watch the verdict live as it was read from the Netherlands.

On Thursday, officials set up an area for several hundred residents of Tombodu to listen to the verdict live from the Netherlands, but they couldn't get a radio sig-

Justice

"I am happy that the truth has come out ... that Charles Taylor is fully and solely responsible for the crimes committed against the people of Sierra Leone."

Jusu Jarka, survivor

nal. Some villagers carrying transistor radios wandered hillsides trying to pick up a signal from the capital, Freetown.

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Airport adventure

Puppy escapes onto LaGuardia runway

A puppy named Byrdie delayed several flights at New York's LaGuardia Airport when she escaped from her crate and ran around a

busy runway.

The Port Authority says the dog was loose for about 10 minutes Wednesday while authorities unsuccessfully tried to catch her.

The agency says they had to find the dog's owner aboard the Memphis-bound Delta Airlines flight to help catch her.

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Sounding off through song



Some 40,000 people stand in the drizzling rain in Youngstorget Square in Oslo on Thursday to participate in the singing of *Barn av Regnbuen* (Children of the Rainbow). KYRRE LIEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Power of music

Those gathered sang the Norwegian lyrics:

"A sky full of stars, blue seas as far as you can see. An earth where flowers grow, can you wish for more? Together shall we live, every sister, brother. Young children of the rainbow, a fertile land."

Norway. Thousands gather in public squares to honour those killed in 2011 massacre

They gathered by the tens of thousands, aiming to face down terror with the power of music.

Inspired by a Facebook-organized protest, Norwegians flocked to public squares across the country Thursday, ignored the drenching rain and lifted their voices in song.

Their target: far-right fanatic Anders Behring Breivik, now on trial for a bomb-and-shooting rampage that killed 77 people. Their weapon: a children's tune that he claims has been used to brainwash the country's youth into supporting immigration.

Defiant sing-alongs of Children of the Rainbow were staged in Oslo and other major Norwegian cities, while in court survivors of Breivik's attacks gave tearful testimony in the ninth day of his trial.

In downtown Oslo alone, some 40,000 people chimed in as Norwegian artist Lillebjørn Nilsen played the song

— a Norwegian version of American folksinger Pete Seeger's *My Rainbow Race*.

In testimony last week, Breivik mentioned the tune as an example of how he believes cultural Marxists have infiltrated Norwegian schools and weakened its society.

Later, the crowd marched to the Oslo courthouse, where they laid a carpet of red and white roses on the steps and the fence.

Reached at home in Beacon, N.Y., the 92-year-old Seeger told The Associated Press he had heard about the mass gathering from Nilsen, who called him Thursday morning.

"I said, 'Oh, that's wonderful,'" Seeger said. "It's a tremendous honour, really. One of the greatest honours a songwriter could have is to have a song of theirs sung in another country."

Shocked by Breivik's lack of remorse for the massacre, Norwegians by and large have decided the best way to confront him is by demonstrating their commitment to everything he loathes. Instead of raging against the gunman, they have manifested their support for tolerance and democracy.

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Paying homage to the victims of Chornobyl

A woman lights candles in Kyiv to honour the memory of the victims of the Chornobyl disaster on Thursday. Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich on Thursday paid tribute to victims on the 26th anniversary of the world's worst nuclear disaster, saying his country is committed to building a new, safer shelter over the reactor.

SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newspaper targeted

Deadly terrorist attacks hit Nigeria

A suicide bomber and a man armed with explosives attacked two Nigerian newspaper offices on Thursday, killing seven people and

wounding at least 26. The radical Islamic sect Boko Haram claimed responsibility.

In Abuja, the suicide bomber rammed his car through the gates of the ThisDay office and drove into the reception area before the explosion, which killed at least three people.

A separate attack in Kaduna, at an office shared by three newspapers, also included a car loaded with explosives and killed four.

Another bomb exploded late Thursday afternoon on the outskirts of Kaduna, causing unknown injuries, police said.

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Pakistan PM serves token detention after contempt conviction

Symbolic sentence.

Court decision touches off political turmoil for a regime already rocked by security and economic problems



Riot policemen stand guard, as a supporter of Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani, centre, shouts slogans in Gilani's support in Islamabad, Pakistan, Thursday. MUHAMMAD MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan's Supreme Court convicted the prime minister of contempt on Thursday but handed him a symbolic sentence of less than a minute's detention, allowing him to leave the building surrounded by cheering supporters and still in power.

The ruling against Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani triggered renewed political turmoil and could lead to his dismissal in the coming months.

The tensions risk consuming a government already burdened with major economic and security challenges.

The latest twist in a long-running saga came as an American envoy arrived in the country to kick-start negotiations over Washington's broken but vital alliance with Pakistan.

Gilani was charged with contempt for his refusal to pursue a long, dormant corruption case against his political master, President Asif Ali Zardari. The court could have sent him to prison for

six months and ordered his immediate dismissal from office, but appeared to blink first in what has been a bruising standoff.

The parliamentary speaker and election commission must now decide whether the conviction is reason to dismiss Gilani as a lawmaker, and hence as prime minister, a procedure that could take up to four months.

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America's Justin Dowd wins Race for Space

Metro winner. Physics student from Boston beats thousands for ticket to outer space

Justin Dowd from Worcester, Mass., has won the Race for Space, the global competition to select one Metro reader to travel into space.

Dowd beat candidates from across the globe to win the coveted once-in-a-lifetime ticket on board the XCOR Lynx, a first-generation, rocket-powered spaceplane currently being built by spaceflight company SXC (Space Expedition Curaçao).

Dowd has both the mental and physical strength needed

Quoted

"It's pretty awesome.... This is just the beginning!"

Justin Dowd

to be a perfect astronaut. Dowd, a physics and maths undergraduate at Northeastern University, wowed the judging panel with his stunning chalkboard stop-motion video on Einstein's theory of relativity. Aside from his studies, Dowd is currently training for a grueling 19-kilometre endurance obstacle-course race.

"My motivation for him is that he really provides an amazing package in the combined qualities of scientific background, artistic qualities, dedication and the gift to tell a fascinating story," said Harry Van Hulten, test pilot with SXC and global jury member that selected Dowd.

"He is absolutely unique. He taught me things in his video that I didn't understand as well as I do now. He really blew me away with that. I can't think of any better ambassador to tell the story about this space trip than him."

Dowd will receive astronaut training ahead of the trip scheduled for 2014. The "civil-



Northeastern student Justin Dowd's dreams of space are about to come true. NICOLAUS CZARNECK/METRO

ian astronaut" will be able to chronicle his preparations and space flight in a series of reports published in Metro

across the globe.

"I have dreamt of going to space since starlight first streamed into my telescope,"

Dowd said. "My instinctive desire to see the Earth from above connects to a fundamental human yearning. Cur-

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Syrian regime, rebels point fingers over blast



An anti-Syrian regime protester with Arabic script on her hands (reading "Free Syria") and face ("Freedom"), attends a protest in Idlib, north Syria, on Wednesday. EDLIB NEWS NETWORK ENN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Explosion. Opposition group says cause of destruction was not immediately clear, but estimated death toll could be as high as 70

UN observers on Thursday inspected the site of an explosion that flattened a block of houses in the central Syrian city of Hama and killed at least 16 people, while the government and the opposition traded blame over the cause of the blast.

Syrian state-run media said rebel bomb-makers accidentally set off the ex-

plosives. Anti-regime activists said intense shelling by government forces caused the extensive damage. It was impossible to independently verify the conflicting accounts because President Bashar Assad's regime, facing a 13-month-old uprising, has restricted access for journalists and other outside witnesses.

The spokesman for UN special envoy Kofi Annan, Ahmad Fawzi, said observers visited the site but he didn't have immediate word on what they saw.

Two UN observers are stationed in Hama, part of an advance team of 15 monitors who are visiting hotspots to try to salvage a cease-fire that

is part of a peace plan aimed at ending the violence and bringing the two sides to the negotiating table. The observer team is to be expanded in the coming weeks to up to 300.

Amateur videos said to be of Wednesday's blasts in Hama showed a large cloud of white and yellow smoke rising from a neighbourhood surrounded by green fields. In a later video, dozens of people searched through the debris, including huge chunks of cement and broken cinder blocks. Another clip shows the bloodied body of a little girl being carried through a crowd of wailing men.

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Media allegations widen Secret Service sex scandal

Internal probe. New reports of impropriety in El Salvador come hours after security head says Colombia misconduct appeared to be isolated incident

The Secret Service acknowledged Thursday it is investigating whether its employees hired strippers and prostitutes in advance of President Barack Obama's visit last year to El Salvador. The disclosure came hours after the Homeland Security secretary assured skeptical senators that a separate prostitution scandal in Colombia appeared to be an isolated incident.

A spokesman for the Secret Service, Edwin Donovan, said the agency was investigating allegations raised in news reports about unprofessional behaviour that have emerged in the aftermath of the prostitution scandal in Colombia. The latest, by Seattle television station KIRO-TV, quoted anonymous sources as saying



Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), the Senate judiciary committee's ranking member, listens to testimony from Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano in Washington, D.C., on Thursday. SUSAN WALSH / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

that Secret Service employees received sexual favours from strippers at a club in San Salvador and took prostitutes to their hotel rooms ahead of Obama's visit there in March 2011.

Prostitution is legal in both Colombia and El Salvador.

Separately, The Washington Post earlier this week cited unnamed "confidants" of the Secret Service officers implicated in the Colombia scandal saying senior managers tolerated similar behaviour during official trips.

It described a visit to Buenos Aires in 2009 by former president Bill Clinton, whose protective detail it said included agents and uniformed officers. During that trip, the Post said, members of the detail went out for a late night of partying at strip clubs.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said he doubted that President Barack Obama was aware of the allegations from El Salvador when he was briefed by Secret Service director Mark Sullivan last week in the Oval Office.

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Flying the flag for Israel's 64th birthday

An Israeli man with a flag on his shirt waves to Israeli air force acrobat planes as they fly over the Mediterranean sea, part of a flyover, during Israel's 64th Independence Day anniversary celebrations in Tel Aviv, Israel, Thursday, April 26, 2012. ARIEL SCHALIT / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Heywood wasn't a spy: U.K. foreign secretary

Britain. Death of China-linked businessman remains a mystery; investigation continues

Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague took the unusual step of publicly insisting Thursday, that a U.K. businessman who died in suspicious circumstances in China was not working as a British spy.

In a letter to Parliament's Foreign Affairs Select Committee, Hague said he was breaking conventions which usually prevent ministers from commenting on the identities of intelligence officials amid continuing speculation around the mysterious death of Neil Heywood, whose body was found Nov. 15 at a mountaintop hotel in the southwestern city of Chongqing.

Heywood had close ties to Bo Xilai, a Chinese political high-flier whose career has been derailed by the death. Bo was removed as Chongqing's Party Secretary on March 15 and has been suspended as a Politburo member amid questions over whether he tried to abuse his power to quash an

Quotable

"Given the intense interest in this case, it is exceptionally appropriate for me to confirm that Mr. Heywood was not an employee of the British government in any capacity."

British Foreign Secretary William Hague

investigation into his wife and a household employee over the Briton's death.

Though authorities in China initially had said Heywood died from either excess drinking or a heart attack, they have since opened a new investigation and named Bo's wife Gu Kailai as a suspect in the purported murder of the Briton.

Lawmakers had written to Hague asking him to clarify whether Heywood had worked with British intelligence "either on a formal or informal basis." It followed reports in Britain that Heywood had carried out work with Hakluyt, a consultancy founded by a former British spy.

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Saudi Arabia. Bin Laden's widows deported

Pakistani authorities deported Osama bin Laden's three widows and his children to Saudi Arabia early Friday, less than a week before the first anniversary of the unilateral American raid that killed the al-Qaida leader in his hideout in a military town.

The departure of the family closed another chapter in an affair that cemented Pakistan's reputation as a hub of Islamist extremism and cast doubt on its trustworthiness as a Western ally. In February, authorities bulldozed the large compound where bin Laden had lived in the northwestern garrison town of Abbottabad.

The U.S. commandos took bin Laden's body, which they later buried at sea, but left his family behind. His wives and children were detained by Pakistani authorities immedi-

ately after the pre-dawn raid on May 2, 2011.

Two of the widows are from Saudi Arabia, and the third is from Yemen.

They were interrogated by Pakistani intelligence agents and eventually charged last month with illegally entering and living in the country. The three wives and two adult daughters were convicted and sentenced to 45 days in prison. Their prison term, which was spent at a well-guarded house in Islamabad, ended earlier this month.

Soon after midnight Thursday, a van took the women and children from the house in the centre of the capital, Islamabad, en route to the airport. Officials covered the vehicle with sheets to prevent photographers from taking their pictures.

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Jailhouse rock

Inmates of Tihar jail, the largest complex of prisons in South Asia, dance as a band plays music during a musical evening for its inmates in New Delhi on Thursday.

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Tories table tighter CMHC oversight

'Stress tests' With household debt rising, government-backed mortgage oversight increases

The federal government is increasing oversight on the issuing of government-backed mortgages in Canada, while also putting more of the risk for lending on the banks.

As previously signalled in the budget, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty tabled changes Thursday that will place Canada's Mortgage and Housing Corp. under the control of the federal financial regulator.

Flaherty said CMHC has become a significant financial-sector player in Canada, and it was appropriate that it meet the high standards of soundness demanded by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions.

Minor tweaks

TD Bank chief economist Craig Alexander called the changes "appropriate" and minor "tweaks" to Canada's financial regulations, particularly compared to the major overhaul occurring in the United States.

- "This isn't going to make a big difference to either the real-estate market or Canadians," Alexander said. "Banks will continue to offer covered bonds, but they just won't be able to use CMHC-insured products in those bonds."

"I've been concerned about CMHC for some time. In this sense, it's become an important financial institution in Canada and it was not subject to the same supervision" as banks, he said.

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Vespa unveiled in India

Models pose with a Vespa scooter during its launch in Mumbai, India, on Thursday. The Italian company hopes to carve out a market for luxury scooters in one of the most cost-conscious markets in the world. The Vespa LX will cost around \$1,282 US in India — a 40 per cent premium to most scooters, but still the lowest sticker price in the world. RAFIQ MAQBOOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Supreme Court. Appeal involving new carrier Wind Mobile denied

A two-year legal battle that centred on whether new wireless carrier Wind Mobile was Canadian-owned and controlled when it entered the market was put to an end Thursday by the Supreme Court of Canada.

The high court decided it will not hear an appeal of a Federal Court decision involving Wind Mobile, meaning it's business as usual for the wireless carrier and its roughly 400,000 customers.

Rival wireless company Public Mobile had argued rules for Canadian ownership and control had not been applied to Wind Mobile and wanted the Supreme Court to hear the case. As usual, the high court did not give reasons for refusal.

Overruled

"I think they should stop complaining and start competing."

Anthony Lacavera, Wind Mobile chairman

ing to hear the appeal.

"The two-year-long, silly battle brought by our competitor is finally over and we've won," Wind Mobile chairman Anthony Lacavera said from Toronto.

Wind Mobile was one of several new entrants into the mobile-phone market in Canada following a wireless-spectrum auction in 2008.

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Market Minute

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EU warning

Visa policy may kill trade deal

The European Union warned Thursday that Canada's long-sought free-trade deal could ultimately be blocked because of anger in three Eastern European countries — the Czech Republic, Hungary and Bulgaria — over travel visas imposed on their citizens by Ottawa.

The diplomatic broadside throws cold water on the Harper government's massive cross-country charm offensive to warm Canadians to the benefits of a free trade deal with the powerful 27-country bloc. The warning from the EU's ambassador to Canada came as the Tories' plan Friday to dispatch 19 caucus members to sell the benefits of the yet-to-be-finalized deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HotelTonight

App now offering last-minute deals

For those times when you suddenly need a hotel room but have no idea where to book, a new mobile app that launched in Canada on Thursday promises to find the best deal for a last-minute stay.

According to Sam Shank, there's a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity in offering cut-rate hotel rooms with mere hours to spare.

The CEO of the mobile app HotelTonight, now available in Toronto and Vancouver, says there's big money in helping hotels clear out their inventory at the last minute.

And he says needing a hotel room with no advance notice is a surprisingly common dilemma, especially among business travellers. "We're going after the

spontaneous or last-minute need," says Shank, noting he doesn't recommend that thrifty travellers hold off on booking a hotel until the day of their trip.

It's for "people who woke up in the morning and didn't realize they were going to need or want a hotel room. That same-day market right now is about 15 per cent of the (overall hotel business), which globally works out to be about \$70 billion or \$80 billion."

Founded in December 2010 in Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco, the site has grown to offer hotel rooms in more than 30 U.S. cities and Shank expects similar expansion in Canada.

"Canada has been the most requested area for us outside of the U.S.," Shank says, "so the demand there has been strong both for consumers as well as from hotels." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. companies eye Canada

Sweet spot. Consulting firm's report says there are too many malls in the U.S. and not enough in Canada

The Canadian retail market is ripe for a U.S. invasion, according to a new report from Colliers International Consulting. With U.S. consumers fo-

cused on saving money and the housing market still in recovery, U.S. retailers are looking for new markets and Canada is a sweet spot.

"Canada still represents the easiest international move for American business," according to the report, released by Colliers on Thursday. "We will likely see an ever-more Americanized commercial landscape."

The report predicts more outlet malls, which have not had the same degree of suc-

Northern expansion?

"The market is right for them and they are right for the market."

Maureen Atkinson, J.C. Williams Group

cess in Canada as they have in the U.S. Tanger Outlets, Simon Properties and Kimco from the U.S., as well as London-based outlet-mall developer McArthurGlen are all looking

to establish or increase their Canadian presence, according to the report.

James Smerdon, director, retail and consulting at Colliers, said that although the GTA has 24 square feet of shopping space per person, compared to 14 square feet nationally, the market can handle more.

Figures include enclosed malls and open centres anchored by large retailers like Walmart or Home Depot.

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First-class comfort

Pictured is the bar in its newly redesigned cabin as part of Virgin Atlantic's 100 million Upper Class product investment. The new bar, which Virgin says is the longest in the sky, stretches eight feet and has space to accommodate eight passengers. VIRGIN ATLANTIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fast food. Happy Meal goes on diet

McDonald's Canada introduced a new Happy Meal on Thursday, with half as many fries and a serving of yogurt to appeal to kids and appease parents concerned about nutrition.

The new Happy Meal will automatically include a Danino strawberry yogurt and the choice of apple slices with optional caramel dip or a 100-calorie mini-sized serving of french fries, in addition to a beverage and a burger, chicken wrap or nuggets.

The beverage selection includes one per cent plain or chocolate milk, in addition to sodas. Chicken McNuggets now have 5.6 per cent less sodium.

While fewer French fries means fewer calories and less fat, the added yogurt contains five grams of sugar and 25 mg of sodium. It also contains calcium and protein.

Marion Nestle, a professor of nutrition at New York University and an outspoken critic of the food industry told the New York Times that the changes were a sham.

"They're going to get huge publicity for this — an ounce less of french fries," Nestle said.

"I'm not impressed."

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Executive pay

CIBC faces tough questions from shareholder group

CIBC has become the second large Canadian bank in a month to face shareholder frustration over the level of compensation paid to senior executives.

Shareholder-rights group Medac and a bank critic unsuccessfully urged shareholders at the annual meeting Thursday to approve motions to change the way compensation is doled out. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

BlackBerry

Turnaround could take years: RIM

The newest board member of BlackBerry maker Research In Motion Ltd. said Thursday that a turnaround could take three to five years.

Prem Watsa, RIM's third-largest investor, said he sees his investment in the company as a long-term one, adding that RIM's fortunes won't be reversed soon. Americans are abandoning their BlackBerrys for Apple's iPhone and models that run Google's Android software, including those made by Samsung Electronics Co. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Online. Suspicions swirl around rules governing content on Google Drive

Google is facing suspicion and confusion as it tries to persuade people to entrust personal documents, photos and other content to the company's new online storage service.

That became apparent shortly after Tuesday's unveiling of the Google Drive service. Before the day was over, technology blogs and Twitter users were seizing on a legal clause in the "terms of service" that could be interpreted

Storage service

"You retain ownership of any intellectual property rights that you hold in that content."

Google disclosure

to mean that any content stored in Google Drive automatically becomes Google Inc.'s intellectual property.

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A protester dressed as Rupert Murdoch, right, holds a puppet of Britain's Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt in London Thursday.

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Murdoch says his executives were the victims of a coverup

News Corp. executive chairman Rupert Murdoch said Thursday that his U.K. newspaper company was the victim of a coverup, alleging that he and his son were deliberately kept in the dark about phone hacking at the News of the World.

Murdoch was being questioned at a media-ethics inquiry led by Lord Justice Brian Leveson, which was set up following the scandal over large-scale wrongdoing at the Sunday tabloid. "The senior executives

were all misinformed, and shielded from anything that was going on there," he told the inquiry. "I do blame one or two people for that."

He didn't name them, but in suggestive comments identified one of those people as "a clever lawyer" who drank with many of the journalists involved.

"This person forbade them to go to (News International chief executive) Mrs. (Rebekah) Brooks or (Murdoch's son) James," he testified.

Murdoch has condemned

phone hacking and other media misdeeds but claims he was unaware of its scope

"All I can do is apologize," the 81-year-old said at Thursday's hearing, allowing that he could have done more to nip the scandal in the bud.

Murdoch's earlier testimony has focused on his political influence. Murdoch has downplayed his political role in Britain and says he has not sought special favours.

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KIM AND KANYE, A MATCH MADE IN ... HOLLYWOOD



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1 Bachelor Canada reveal. The Canadian version of The Bachelor franchise debuts this fall, and next Tuesday, May 1, the first ever Canuck bachelor will be revealed.

They are dropping daily hints at BachelorCanada.ca about who the lucky guy will be. Here's your main hint: It's not me. I am taken. I know — you're all devastated.

2 The Windsor Hum. A mysterious, low-frequency rumble dubbed the Windsor Hum has been annoying the heck out of people in Windsor, Ont., for the past couple of years. Apparently, it originates from an industrial site in Michigan, and even our feds are now investigating. There's a @TheWindsorHum account on Twitter. Minus that hum noise.

3 Triple play. The Toronto Blue Jays turned a triple play in a 4-3 win over Kansas City, their first since 1979. Though it was really their first since 1992, if you count the terrible missed call in Game 3 of the World Series when Kelly Gruber clearly tagged an Atlanta Braves base runner before he reached base. Same thing happened to me in a T-ball game in 1978.

4 Will and Kate's first anniversary. The world's most famous couple is celebrating their first anniversary this Sunday. Can you believe nearly 365 days have passed since two billion people watched the royal wedding? Before you know it, WillKat will be celebrating 10 years of marriage with their three kids, two pets and 1.5 cars. In their palace.

5 They grow up fast. A father from the Netherlands filmed his daughter every week from birth up until age 12, and posted a time-lapse video of her growth, called Portrait of Lotte, on Vimeo. It has gone viral, and said dad has totally raised the daddy bar. Message to soon-to-be dads: Get your video cameras ready. You have a lot of filming to do.

6 Ron Artest. He changed his name to Metta World Peace but the L.A. Laker should consider changing it back to Ron Artest or Metta World Chaos after the absolutely vicious elbow he threw at Oklahoma City's James Harden in a game on Sunday. The reputation he worked so hard to restore after that incident in 2004 where he climbed into the stands and started a brawl with fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Mich. ? Gone.

7 Kim Kardashian and Kanye West. If you were to put two of the most self-indulgent, conceited, narcissistic people together in the ultimate exercise in match-making egocentrism, you would get this couple. And it has happened. They are an item. But this might not work. See, they are both in love with someone else. Themselves.

8 Ford's weigh-in cancelled. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, who began his Cut the Waist challenge in January, hoping to lose 50 pounds by June, keeps cancelling his weekly weigh-ins. For the third time in a month, he didn't show up. Either he "chickened out" or was too busy trimming budgets rather than himself.

9 Red Hot Chili Peppers. Next week, they'll release We Salute You, an EP of classic covers to celebrate their recent induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, including covers of previous inductees like the Ramones and Neil Young. Doubt Axl Rose would ever do such a thing. He refused to be inducted with his band, Guns N' Roses. (Un)sweet child.

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Body art

U.K. needs more blood this year

LONDON. It's what you can call 'body art-ery.' Donors from each of the four main blood groups are painted with vessels to raise awareness of the need for donors of all blood types. Britain's National Health Service says it needs 30 per cent more blood than normal during the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Games. **METRO**

Running low

Public events affect donations

REASONS. The increase is needed because of the high number of events in Britain this year. Past experience shows that donors miss appointments during national celebrations as routines are disrupted. This, combined with foreign visitors with a different blood mix, may also put a high demand on specific blood groups. **METRO**

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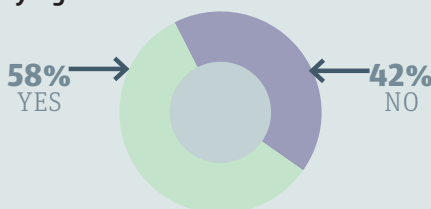


They grow up fast. Watch young Lotte go from baby to pre-teen in the video at metronews.ca/voices/metrotube-of-the-day. **VIMEO**



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@CameronHennigar: Just drove down Gottegen street #Halifax past the memorial for the gay man beaten to death last week. It's beautiful #LoveThisCity

@BeckyGoPecky: My childhood dream is finally coming true! Hanson is coming to Halifax, and this lucky lady has tickets! Woohoo! @hansonmusic

@MattMusgrave1: I hope Bev Oda knows there's a sale on orange juice here in Hali-

fax. Perhaps she can take Peter MacKay's helicopter and fly on over #cdnpoli

@tylormoore: There was a woman from Halifax on Dragon's Den...selling plus-sized lingerie. That's pretty cool I guess

@jack69407740: Halifax hospital is a joke they tell you to come ten minutes early and you have to wait 2 hours before been seen!



Jason Segel and Emily Blunt have a long wait before their nuptials in *The Five-Year Engagement*. HANDOUT

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Waiting for a wedding

The Five-Year Engagement.
Rom-com driven by its charming and charismatic coupling

Richard: Mark, somewhere etched on a stone tablet are the Rules of Rom-Coms™. All romantic comedies, it seems, must have an unlikely couple meet, fall in love, hit an obstacle and then reconcile just before the credits roll. *Five-Year Engagement* is no different, but shakes up the formula with some dark comedy — frostbite, anyone? — and two leads with charm and charisma to burn.

Mark: Normally I would appreciate the dark touches in a movie like this, but instead I found they wrecked the comic tone. That tone, incidentally, was also compromised by an uneven script that was just too long and repetitive. I have nothing

but praise for the actors, though. I cared about the two leads, and without them there would be no picture, but it was all the wonderful comic turns by some of my favourite character-savvy comedians that made the film. My favourite? Brian Posehn, from the *Sarah Silverman Show*. Yours, Richard?

RC: I agree with you to a point. I liked the darker touches because they helped separate this from the run-of-the-mill rom-com. Having said that, they also weigh down the midsection of the movie. Luckily this isn't *Kristen Bell*, or worse yet, *Katherine Heigl* and any other Standard Romantic Male Lead™, but Blunt and Segel. They are the engine that keeps the movie moving forward. They are helped not only by Posehn, but also *Community*'s Alison Brie, who is a scene-stealer. Watching her and Blunt have a grown-up conversation in Muppet voices is worth the long running time.

MB: Almost, but not quite. The five-year engagement should not feel like it's spooling out in real time. The Muppet scene is priceless. So is Segal's desperate and exhausted sex scene with his younger girlfriend. And if it's dark comedy you like, look no further than Segal's brunch with his parents toward the end of the movie. There is indeed much to admire and enjoy in this movie. But all the jokes that involved life in small-town Michigan seemed worn, as did the restaurant scenes. The university researchers made me laugh, mostly due to Kevin Hart, Mindy Kaling and Randall Park. But see? Too much going on here!

RC: It could have used some trimming, but for me it succeeds not because it follows Rules of Rom-Coms™ but because it doesn't.

MB: And the liberal use of Van Morrison tunes nudges this one over into the plus column for me.

Synopsis

Jason Segel is Tom, a San Francisco chef engaged to his girlfriend Violet (Emily Blunt). The quirky couple — they go to parties dressed as Princess Diana and Super Bunny — are a perfect match, but circumstance is getting in the way of the wedding plans. First Violet's sister Suzie (Alison Brie) preempts her sister's big day by getting pregnant and planning a shotgun wedding. Then psychology student Violet accepts a place in a two-year graduate program at the University of Michigan, once again placing a speed bump in the way of their walk down the aisle.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

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Scene in brief

Houston sparkles

Cee Lo Green, Mike Epps and Jordin Sparks help Whitney Houston return to the big screen for the last time in the girl-group movie *Sparkle*. Houston served as executive producer of the movie, which had already finished filming in Detroit when she died in Beverly Hills on Feb. 11 at age 48. A brief preview Wednesday night at the CinemaCon conference in Las Vegas featured Houston's trademark dazzling smile as she danced in a living room in celebration. The remake of the 1976 movie stars Houston as the mother of three girls who form a singing group and struggle with fame and drug addiction. The movie, scheduled for release in August, was seen as a comeback vehicle for the superstar.

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Avengers assemble! The stars talk about getting in character

Teaming up. It takes a lot to balance superpowers and share the spotlight with a bunch of other big names

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It's all been leading up to this: Four years after Iron Man — with The Incredible Hulk, Iron Man 2, Thor and Captain America in between — The Avengers assembles Marvel's team of superheroes into the summer's most jam-packed blockbuster.

Written and directed by Buffy creator Joss Whedon, the film finds our heroes united, trading barbs while battling Loki, the superbad-die from Thor. We asked each member to reflect on the making of the film, and

check in with some of the supporting cast, too.

Captain America Chris Evans on his role in the team:

I give all these orders. It's like, 'Hulk, you do this impossible thing. Thor, you bottleneck a portal, and Iron Man, you fly over here — and I'll take the stairs' (laughs). **But who would Evans trade places with if he could?**

See, I want to say Iron Man because I love those movies. But who can do it better, you know what I mean? You think the shoes would be too big to fill.

Thor Chris Hemsworth on being a graceful Norse god: I have one [fight] scene where I was on the wire — because I hadn't learned to fly yet — and I was supposed to come down and land on a cliff. I was supposed to land, step and have a conversation. The first couple of takes, I just face-planted into



Chris Hemsworth, left, struggled with learning the grace of a god.

the dirt. Very ungraceful and un-superhero-like.

Mark Ruffalo on taking on the mantle of The Incredible Hulk character (he's the third actor to play this role in a decade):

It was terrifying. I knew what my responsibility was, or I felt it just by making the mistake of going online and reading some of the fanboy

responses to the announcement that I was playing the next version of Bruce Banner. And that was a mistake. I will never do that again. But I never had a role more scrutinized and criticized before I even shot a single frame.

Iron Man Robert Downey Jr. on not going it alone anymore:

I remember I would get nerv-

ous about [the idea of pairing up the superheroes] and excited about it and doubtful of it. By the time Chris and Chris had launched their individual franchises with success and charisma, and by the time we had Mark, I was like, wow. So just being a worker among workers is kind of where I started out and it was nice to not have

to really have to carry a movie. And everyone was really, really, really equal in this venture.

Hawkeye Jeremy Renner on how surreal it was to assemble the team for the first time:

I think it's just getting all of the actors in one room all in costume — it was like Halloween. I was friends with them as humans, and now they're dressed up like silly people. When everybody was together, that was the most memorable. And creepy and funny. Getting to play with Thor's hammer while he stroked my bow. Oh here we go, that's going to be great. That's going to get me in trouble.

Nick Fury Samuel L. Jackson on being the straight man (unsurprisingly, he didn't love it):

I kept wanting to say [to Thor], 'I don't come your world to blow s— up,' but they won't let me say it!

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Ego check. Robert Downey Jr.'s Tony Stark has to learn to play nice with all the other superheroes

Billionaire genius Tony Stark had to learn to play well with others in *The Avengers* after two Iron Man films where he was the main attraction.

So did Robert Downey Jr., though his path to superhero team player came without the fisticuffs and rivalries that Stark stumbles into with his fellow Avengers, who beat up on one another a bit before they figure out how to work as a group.

Downey's had a long time to get ready for something beyond his close-up in the solo outings as Stark, the Marvel Comics superhero in a metal suit. The idea that Downey would become part of an ensemble of heroes was teased at the end of the first Iron Man, with Avengers producer and Marvel Studios boss Kevin Feige steering such follow-ups as *Thor* and *Captain America: The First*



Robert Downey Jr. is Tony Stark a.k.a. Iron Man. HANDOUT

Avenger toward that aim.

"I had five years to prepare myself, because Kevin Feige and the Marvel team had been saying that it was kind of heading toward this," Downey said.

Opening May 4, *The Avengers* casts Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury, head of peacekeeping agency S.H.I.E.L.D., which rounds up a dream team of good guys (Downey's Iron Man, Scarlett Johansson's *Black Widow*, Chris Hemsworth's *Thor*, Chris Evans' *Captain America*, Mark Ruffalo's *Incredible Hulk* and Jeremy Renner's *Hawkeye*)

to battle *Thor*'s evil brother (Tom Hiddleston).

While it's an all-star cast, Downey's the mega-star. But unlike the diva moments among Stark and some of the other alpha dogs of the Avengers, there was no big-footing among the performers, according to the actors and director Joss Whedon.

"Personally, the Iron Man series so far has always been about making space for others and collaborating," Downey said.

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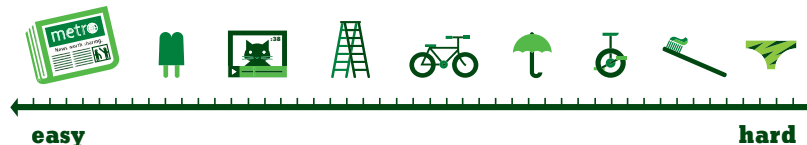
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Action



Safe

Director. Boaz Yakin

Stars. Jason Statham,
Catherine Chan

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While Jason Statham has shown acting skill, the British star's one-note script choices — like playing a former crooked cop seeking redemption by saving a mathematically-gifted young girl from the mob — does little to advance his typecasting. Plus, plenty of up-close frenzied fight scenes only muddle what's an already formulaic action-thriller. If he keeps turning out movies like Safe, Statham will surely end up this generation's Chuck Norris.

STEVE GOW

Comedy

The Pirates!
Band of Misfits

Director. Peter Lord

Stars. Hugh Grant, David Tennant

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Another fantastic stop-motion comedy from filmmaker Peter Lord (Chicken Run), The Pirates! tells the tale of a band of bumbling buccaneers trying to upgrade their captain's award status from "best anecdote of a squid" to the Pirate of the Year despite his sheer incompetence. With plenty of clever visual gags (too many for just one viewing) and witty detail, Lord delivers a triumphant treasure chest for audiences of every age.

STEVE GOW

Thriller



The Raven

Director. James McTeigue

Stars. John Cusack, Alice Eve

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Taking the meta-film stance that an ever melancholy, alcohol-fuelled Edgar Poe might have been embroiled in a real life serial killer case with his own work as the key is a pleasingly post-modern device. And while director James (V for Vendetta) McTeigue's film never really rises to the wild heights that premise promises, it's still an entertaining, handsomely designed yarn well told, undermined somewhat by a meat and potatoes script and some weak supporting casting. But John Cusack, finally playing his age, is fantastic.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Documentary



Bully

Director. Lee Hirsch

Stars. Alex, Ja'Meya, David Long

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Bully is a heartbreaking film about how bullying can ruin lives and take them. Following victims of bullies across America, the film explores the problem and what is and isn't being done to stop it. Hirsch documents kids like Alex from Sioux City, Iowa, who are tormented daily. Here's where Hirsch steps in. The director makes no attempt to appear objective. He wants his film to make a difference; he wants to end bullying.

REGAN REID

Documentary

Comic Con:
Episode IV - A
Fan's Hope

Director. Morgan Spurlock

Stars. Kevin Smith, Stan Lee,
Eli Roth

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Supersize Me filmmaker Morgan Spurlock's nerdy documentary follows a gaggle of geeks into the holy land of pulpdom, the San Diego Comic Con while telling the history of the venerable mecca of weird fantasy culture. Comic Con is a fun picture — you can't help but smile at the sheer circus the convention has become — but, unlike the movie Spurlock's title cribbs from, it lacks a dark side.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

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"This father is doing everything he can to just keep things going, keep electricity going, to keep this little baby going..."

"My little girl means the whole world to me. I really want to believe that if I was placed in the same situation that I would be able to see it through the end and do what it would take to make sure my baby came out on top."

Actor Paul Walker on playing a father struggling to keep his newborn daughter alive in a New Orleans hospital ravaged by Hurricane Katrina in the suspense drama, Hours, which started production recently in The Big Easy.



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If you haven't had a chance to watch the lauded series *The Big C* from the beginning, it's not too late. On Friday, W Network starts airing the dark half-hour comedy, which stars three-time Oscar nominee Laura Linney as a reserved suburban wife and mother who begins to look at life differently as she battles cancer. (W Network)

Soapdish offers
frothy fun

The 1991 comedy *Soapdish* is frothing with hilarious melodrama and over-the-top characters on Friday. Kevin Kline plays a soap star who once dated daytime drama queen Celeste (Sally Field) and gets dangerously close to an innocent new cast member (Elisabeth Shue) on her series. Cathy Moriarty co-stars as Celeste's rival while Robert Downey Jr. plays a producer. (Bravo)

Getting candid
with Conrad Black

W5 features a candid interview between CTV

National News anchor Lisa LaFlamme and fallen media baron Conrad Black on Saturday. Though the episode is a repeat, it's timely as Black is due for release next month from a U.S. prison after serving a reduced sentence for fraud. (CTV)

Gear up for Video
Game Awards

If your idea of a jazzy Saturday night is settling into the armchair to play *Assassin's Creed Revelations*, then you might be interested in the Canadian Video Game Awards 2012 broadcast. David Hayter, who voices the character Solid Snake in the *Metal Gear Solid* franchise, will host the event. (Citytv, G4)

Relive the royal
wedding

It was a year ago Sunday that Prince William and Kate tied the knot in a lavish ceremony at Westminster Abbey. Viewers can get caught up in the royal wedding fervour all over again with three documentaries: *William and Kate, Royal Documentary*; *William and Kate, A Love Story*; and *Royal Documentary: The Future King and Queen*. (Slice)
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Tony Hale: Hail to the Veep



Tony Hale. GETTY IMAGES

New sitcom. Arrested Development star plays another loveable loser in another co-dependent relationship

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Tony Hale's latest role finds him in an unhealthy, co-dependent relationship with a domineering woman. He is neurotic, but smart. And we're not even referring to Hale's reprisal of Buster Bluth on the new episodes of *Arrested Development* slated to hit Netflix next year.

Before he straps on Buster's prosthetic hand (bit off by a seal, fans of *Arrested* will recall), Hale appears as another loveable loser: Gary Walsh, personal aide to vice-president of the United States Selina Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus), on HBO Canada's new political satire *Veep*. (Armando Iannucci, the man behind the razor-sharp political commentary, *In the Loop*, created the show.)

"With Buster's social anx-

iety, if he were placed in Gary's situation, he would be committed (to a mental institution)," Hale says. Meanwhile, we learn through the sitcom's documentary style that Gary thrives under pressure, ready at a moment's notice with whatever his boss may need — be it a conversational factoid on the politicians she may be chatting with, or hand sanitizer.

"Gary is very, very efficient," Hale says. "He carries around this bag with all of Selina's stuff, everything from an extra pair of shoes for her to, if needed, a letter of resignation."

That letter of resignation would be for Selina, Hale clarifies, because without his job, Gary would be lost.

"If somebody were to come up to him and say, 'You're fired,' I think he would fall apart," Hale says. "He's a guy who should have left his job in his 20s, but the fact of the matter is that his identity is wrapped around Selina. He pretty much worships her. I have a feeling that his mother has been carried over into Selina, so I'm sure there are a lot of childhood wounds that are being played out."

Mama Bluth would be so proud.

Politicians are humans, too

Behind closed doors, vice-president Selina Meyers and her team behave badly — very badly. But the more preposterous the situation, Hale hypothesizes, the more truthful it seems.

- "One person cannot be that positive and mechanical and perfect all the time. They have to have a breakdown; they have to go behind the scenes and scream at somebody."



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Is Fox a mother-to-be?

A month after pregnancy rumours last surfaced, a source is now insisting to E! News that Megan Fox is expecting.

It would be the first child for the 25-year-old actress, though she's also stepmother to husband Brian Austin Green's 10-year-old son, Kassius. Parenthood is definitely a topic Fox hasn't been shy about: "I want at least two, probably three kids," she recently told *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

"I've always been maternal."



A-Rod hearts Cameron Diaz, George Clooney

Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez has kept tight-lipped about his relationships, but he's willing to offer some kind words about ex-girlfriend Cameron Diaz.

"I don't like talking about my relationships," Rodriguez tells with *The Insider*. "But I will tell you about CD: She's probably one of the greatest human beings I've ever met, and just an amazing light."

Of course, Diaz isn't the only A-lister Rodriguez can't help gushing about: "I think



my new hero is George Clooney," he says.

"He's my new role model. I think he's done it right."

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The Word



Spears gives up rights to dad and fiancé



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In a sad state of affairs — for Britney Spears, at least — a Los Angeles court has approved a request to add fiancé Jason Trawick as a co-conservator in charge of her finances and decisions, according to TMZ.

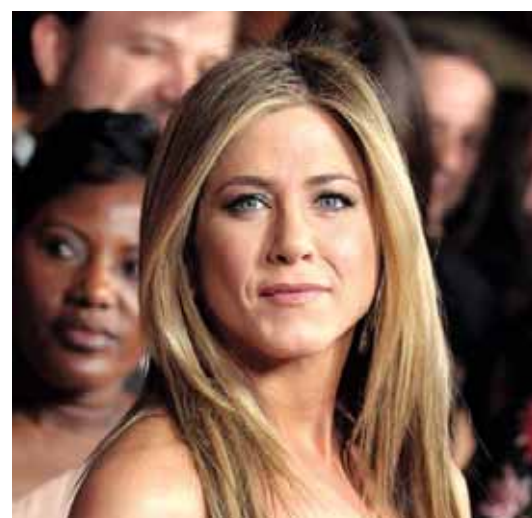
Trawick, along with Spears' father, Jamie Spears, will be responsible for all decisions pertaining to the pop star's personal life. Spears has been under

the conservatorship since 2008. It was originally reported that her father had requested Trawick be added, but it turns out it was the singer herself.

A lawyer for her father says her client is "thrilled" with the addition.

"It's all in the family." Shudder. Look, it's apparent that Spears is still kind of a sick puppy and needs the guidance to make sure she doesn't have another spectacular flame-out during which she shaves her head and starts smashing cars with an umbrella and/or loses all of her money to skanky back-up dancers.

But still: Doesn't seeing a successful 30-year-old woman give up her rights to her father and soon-to-be husband feel like some medieval-level-ish?



Jennifer Aniston ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Please don't ask Jen about her ex-husband's engagement

This may not come as the biggest surprise, but Jennifer Aniston doesn't really want to talk about Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's engagement, according to *Us Weekly*.

"She hates it being brought up because she doesn't really care," a source says. "She feels

Angelina can have him. She just wants to move on." Aside from the fact that it's been seven years since Pitt split with her and took up with Jolie, Aniston has moved on herself with boyfriend Justin Theroux.

"Jen's totally happy with Justin," says the source. "That's all in the past."

The best promotional video ever?

Just when you thought Toddlers and Tiaras couldn't get more disturbing: It looks like a certain five-year-old star of the reality show has it in for Justin Bieber.

In a promotional video for the cable TV series, young pageant contestant

Bridgett says she wants to be an exterminator when she grows up, but her list of targets is troubling: "I like to kill the worms. I like to kill grasshoppers. I like to kill bees," Bridgett explains.

"I like to kill Justin Bieber."

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In what seems like a month of celebrity deaths, it's sad that a member of one of my favourite '80s bands went to the great beyond nearly unnoticed.

That got me thinking about wine.

Greg Ham was the sax player for Down Under's Men At Work. A quintessential new wave group, it hit the big time then crashed and burned — much like the Aussie wine industry.

Australian wine was all that and more pre-21st century, but as wineries started chasing the same flavour profile, the liquid homogeny started to bore consumers.

Thankfully, an ever growing crop of interesting new producers have emerged from Australia. Many are taking advantage of the growing popularity of groovy grape blends and old school label graphics.

Gotham Wines' The Wine Men Of Gotham 2008 Grenache Shiraz (\$13.99 - \$14.99) has a throwback flavour reminiscent of the deep, dark Men At Work-era Aussie reds.

Though the mix of grenache and shiraz is classic French Rhone Valley, the two grapes combine with harmony in a warmer climate and the concentrated berry goodness tastes as lip-smacking on its own as it does with grilled meats from the barbie.

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This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lip-smacking, slow-cooked comfort food

Balsamic Braised Short Ribs. The deep flavoured sauce and ribs are perfect over mashed potatoes

Braising doesn't have to be as intimidating as you may think it is.

It is really just a matter of cooking food, usually meat, for a long period at a low temperature and submerged in some kind of liquid. Pot roasts are a good example. Many foods cooked in a slow cooker also qualify.

Short ribs are the ideal cut of meat to be braised. They have quite a bit of marbling and can be tough if not properly cooked.

You can also get short ribs off the bone, but for the best flavour, opt for on-the-bone.

This recipe braises in a

tangy blend of balsamic vinegar and seasoned stock.

A lot of the flavour comes from the caramelizing of the meat and the vegetables, so don't skimp on the browning.

After the meat is tender, you just boil the liquid down to a glaze.

Serve the short ribs and their glaze over mashed potatoes, creamy polenta or egg noodles

1. In heavy-bottomed pot, heat oil over medium heat. Working in batches, sear short ribs for 4 mins. on each side or until well browned; transfer to a plate.

2. Add the leeks, onions, carrots, celery and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally, 15 mins. or until well browned. Add tomato paste, salt, red pepper flakes, and black pepper; cook for 7 mins. or until tomato paste turns a brick reddish-brown

colour.

3. Add vinegar, sugar, rosemary and mustard. Scrape up any browned bits from bottom of pot. Return short ribs to pot, then add beef stock. Bring mix to low simmer and cover. Pot can be left on stovetop on low heat or placed in a 160 C (325 F) oven for 2 hours or until ribs tender when pierced.

4. Carefully transfer meat

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 6 bone-in short ribs
- 2 each leeks (white parts only, sliced), onions (sliced), carrots (peeled and cut into pieces), stalks celery (cut into pieces), 2 cloves garlic (chopped)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato paste
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) red pepper flakes
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) balsamic vinegar
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 1 l (4 cups) unsalted beef stock

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Fennel

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On the web



Ellen DeGeneres says vegan diet wasn't always easy but she's glad she made the change

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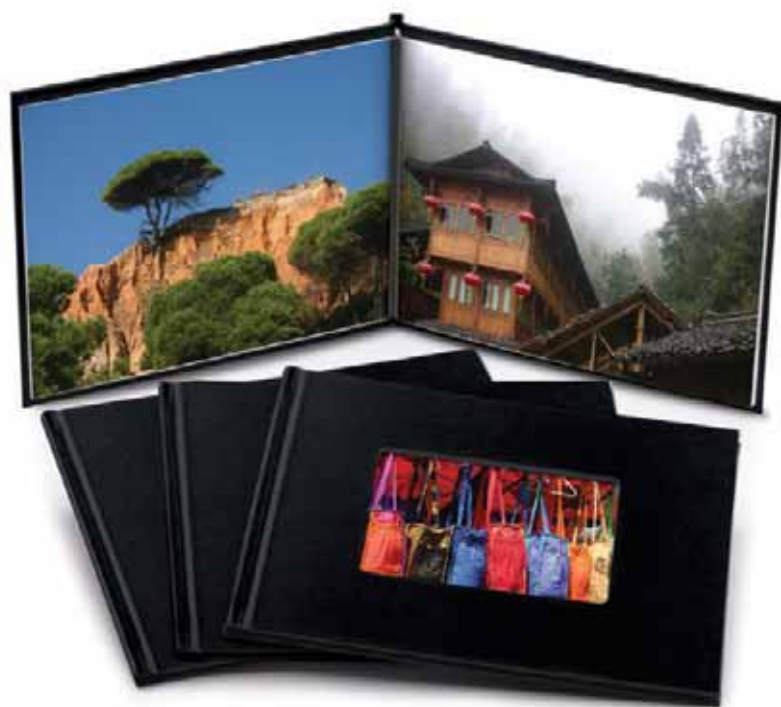
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'Little details'

Clearing the zone a little tougher at Colisee Rimouski

Trying to move the puck out of your own end can be a stressful experience at Colisee Rimouski.

The glass, both at the end of the rink and along the sides, is at least a foot shorter than it is in many rinks around the QMJHL, significantly increasing the chances of a puck going into the crowd.

Doing that, of course, lands you an automatic two-minute minor for delay of game.

"You've got to be aware," said Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Austyn Hardie. "You've got to know those little details about the rink, and it's just getting used to it. There are a couple of rinks like this but this is by far the lowest and it's pretty hard."

There have been three delay-of-game penalties through two QMJHL semifinal games between the Mooseheads and host Oceanic so far at the Colisee.

Rimouski took two in Game 3, including one that led to a two-man advantage and the game-winning goal. The Mooseheads took the other early in Game 4 and needed a big penalty-killing effort to shut down Rimouski's 74-second two-man power play.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

Rogers Sportsnet

Moose hope to shine on TV

The Halifax Mooseheads are hoping being on Rogers Sportsnet on Friday goes better than it did last time.

With Sportsnet cameras at the Metro Centre on Jan. 13, the Mooseheads melted down and allowed four third-period goals en route to a 7-4 loss to the Chicoutimi Saguenéens. The television network is in Rimouski, Que., for Game 5 of the QMJHL semifinal between the Mooseheads and the host Oceanic starting Friday at 8:30 p.m.

"It's going to be fun," said Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon. "Playing nationally is really cool. We played it once this year — obviously it wasn't our best game — but it's going to be another good experience."

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO



Oceanic defenceman Etienne Boutet and Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon collide near the boards during Game 1 at the Metro Centre last Friday.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Physical play heats up in series

QMJHL semifinals.
Tied 2-2, Mooseheads and Oceanic clash Friday at 8:30 p.m. in Rimouski and Sunday at 4 p.m. in Halifax



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Whether it was a huge open-ice hit, a spear off a faceoff or getting crunched head-first into the boards, Nathan MacKinnon took a licking on Wednesday.

But the Halifax Mooseheads' leading scorer appears unfazed by the increased physical attention

he's receiving, and says he'll still be ticking against the host Rimouski Oceanic on Friday at 8:30 p.m. when the QMJHL semifinal resumes.

"I don't mind that stuff at all," the 16-year-old said at Colisee Rimouski on Thursday, prior to an off-day game of soccer-baseball with his teammates.

"As long as it's clean it's OK with me. It just motivates you, if nothing else. Hitting doesn't really bother me."

"It only bothers you if you shy away from that kind of game, but I don't — and I don't think it bothers anybody on our team."

MacKinnon, who has 26 points in 15 playoff games, had Moose Country in a

mild state of panic late in Wednesday's Game 4 when he went to the dressing room with four minutes remaining after taking a hit from Etienne Boutet along the end boards. His head hit the boards and he appeared dazed getting up, but it looked worse than it was.

"I wasn't really sure how I was feeling right after the hit, but I feel 100 per cent right now and I'm good to go," MacKinnon said. "I was just a little shaken up."

The Oceanic have been credited with 46 hits the past two games, including 11 by Truro native Casey Babineau, a defenceman often matched against MacKinnon.

Playing physical against MacKinnon is part of the game plan for Rimouski, which has lost back-to-back home games to leave the best-of-seven series tied 2-2.

"He's a good hockey player and we have to reduce space and time on him every time we can, and hit him — legally — every time we can," said Oceanic head

Coverage

Metro Halifax reporter Matthew Wuest and photographer Ryan Taplin are in Rimouski, Que., for Game 5. Visit metronews.ca for their coverage on Friday and follow @metrofiles on Twitter for updates from Colisee Rimouski.

coach Serge Beausoleil. "He's an extraordinary hockey player and we have to play better against him, for sure."

The fact that Sunday's Game 6 at 4 p.m. at the Metro Centre sold out in approximately 20 minutes on Thursday is a big motivator for the Mooseheads to win Game 5, no matter how steep the physical toll.

"We want to close the series out in front of a sell-out crowd on Sunday afternoon," MacKinnon said. "It's going to be good to be back in Halifax, and we're going to try to take care of business (Friday) night in Rimouski."

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"It's crazy — I think if we had an NHL-sized arena, we'd probably fill that up too. We're really appreciative of how much support we have and we'll try to get the win for our fans."

Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon, on the sellout crowd for Sunday's Game 6 of the QMJHL semifinal at the Metro Centre.

"It's an amazing feeling to know that many people are behind you and supporting you. You can't ask for better fans than we have in Halifax."

Mooseheads defenceman Austyn Hardie, also on Sunday's sellout.

Injury update

Cuzner to be game-time decision

Halifax Mooseheads winger Brad Cuzner will be a game-time decision for Friday's Game 5 of the QMJHL semifinal against the Rimouski Oceanic. Cuzner, who has missed the past five games with an upper-body injury, participated in full practice on Thursday. Winger Luca Ciampini (upper-body injury) is expected to remain out.

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"It has picked up a bit. It's playoffs, it's going to be intense, it's going to get rough at some point. You just have to play through it and play tough. It's one of the best parts of playoff hockey."

Mooseheads defenceman Austyn Hardie on the physical play in the QMJHL semifinal

Resilient Senators' season ends in New York



Daniel Alfredsson shakes hands with John Mitchell and Ryan McDonagh after Game 7 Thursday in New York. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. Rangers knock out Senators in Game 7, advance to meet Capitals in 2nd round

Rangers defencemen Marc Staal and Dan Girardi scored 4:18 apart in the second period, Henrik Lundqvist made 26 saves and top-seeded New York eliminated the pesky eighth-seeded Ottawa Senators from the playoffs with a 2-1 victory in Game 7 on Thursday night.

Staal broke the scoreless deadlock, and Girardi gave the Rangers a 2-0 lead with his first career NHL playoff goal. Lundqvist allowed Daniel Alfredsson's power-play goal in

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the second but stood tall the rest of the way to send the Rangers into an Eastern Conference second-round matchup with the seventh-seeded Washington Capitals.

The Rangers hadn't hosted a Game 7 since their Stanley Cup victory over Vancouver in 1994, but they stayed perfect at home in deciding games, winning their fourth. New York is 4-5 overall in Game 7, and the

Senators dropped to 0-5.

Lundqvist withstood tons of pressure from the Senators, who spent most of the closing five minutes in the Rangers end.

The win wasn't secure until Sergei Gonchar tripped Carl Hagelin as he skated toward the empty net with 36.2 seconds remaining.

Craig Anderson was nearly as good in the Ottawa net, making 27 saves.

New York rallied from a 3-2 series deficit for just the second time, building off the momentum of its 3-2 victory in Ottawa on Monday night in Game 6.

Just like in that one, when the Rangers scored three goals in the second period, New York used the middle frame to take

over. While waiting for their big guns — Marian Gaborik and Brad Richards — to spark the offence, a pair of defencemen stepped up to get the Rangers going.

Staal, limited to 46 regular-season games because of the lingering effects of a concussion sustained last season, thrust his hands up in delight when his shot beat Anderson. Staal had only two goals in the regular season.

It didn't take all that long for Madison Square Garden to erupt in cheers again for another blue-liner.

Girardi wound up for a hard slap shot just a few feet from the crease and slammed it past Anderson at 9:04.

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NFL. Colts make Luck official QB heir to Manning

Six weeks after saying goodbye to Peyton Manning, the Indianapolis Colts handed Andrew Luck a jersey, expecting him to be their quarterback for the next decade.

Luck couldn't have chosen a tougher act to follow, but many believe he is the most NFL-ready passer to enter the league since Manning went No. 1 overall in 1998. All Manning did was win four MVP awards and a Super Bowl for Indy.

The Stanford quarterback was told by the Colts last week that commissioner Roger Goodell would announce his name first Thursday night. He got the nod over Baylor QB Robert Griffin III, the Heisman Trophy winner who was taken second by Washington.

After being booed at the outset, Goodell told a raucous crowd at Radio City Music Hall that "the season begins tonight, so let's kick it off." Then he did, congratulating Luck while the crowd chanted "RG3, RG3."

To get Griffin, Washington dealt a second-round pick this year and its first-rounders in 2013 and '14 to St. Louis to move up four spots.

Less than an hour before the



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell with Andrew Luck on Thursday.

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draft, Cleveland and Minnesota pulled off another trade. The Browns moved up one spot, from fourth to third, to ensure getting running back Trent Richardson of national champion Alabama. Minnesota received picks in the fourth, fifth and seventh rounds and still was in position to get one of the elite prospects in this draft.

Minnesota then took Southern California offensive tackle Matt Kalil, who the Vikings were expected to take at No. 3 anyway. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Jays swept away by Orioles

Toronto Blue Jays shortstop Yunel Escobar throws to first behind a kneeling Brett Lawrie after stopping a ground ball by the Orioles' Adam Jones in the sixth inning in Baltimore on Thursday night. Two innings later Jones led off the inning with a tiebreaking homer, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-2 to complete a three-game sweep with their fourth straight victory. Jones ripped the first pitch from Casey Janssen (1-1) into the first row of the left-field stands, barely eluding the leap of Eric Thames. It was his sixth homer of the season. The Blue Jays (10-9) have lost three straight and are 1-5 against the Orioles (12-7) this season.

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NBA

Knicks ensure Bobcats go down in infamy

The Charlotte Bobcats couldn't beat the New York Knicks and now own the worst winning percentage in NBA history after a 104-84 loss on Thursday night.

The Knicks clinched the Eastern Conference's No. 7 seed and playoff matchup against No. 2 Miami starting Saturday. The loss left the Bobcats with a winning percentage of .106 (7-59).

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NBA

Raptors end season with win

The Toronto Raptors wrapped up another campaign to forget with a win on Thursday.

Ben Uzoh recorded Toronto's first triple-double in 11 years with 12 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds in a 98-67 win over the New Jersey Nets. The Raptors (23-43) are now playoff spectators for a fourth year in a row. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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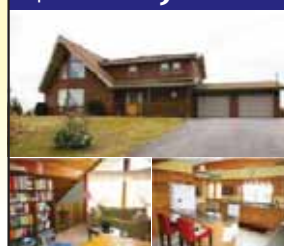
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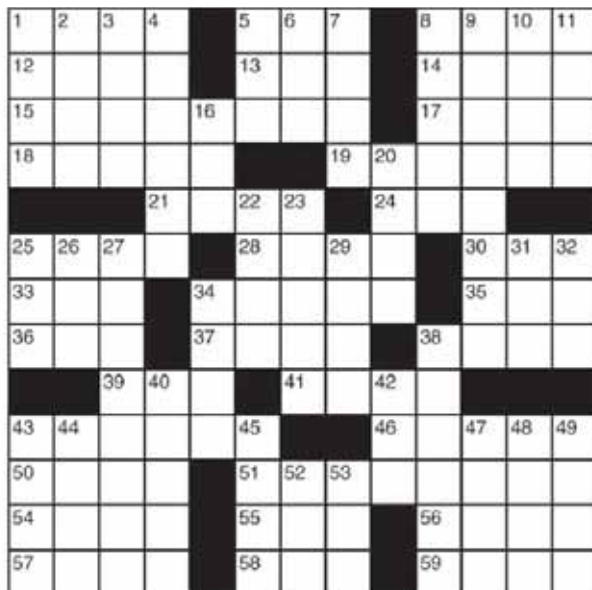
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1 Approached the plate
5 Erstwhile acorn
8 Easy marks
12 Actress Spelling
13 Evening hour in old Rome
14 Fall hard
15 Most importantly
17 "Three Sisters" sister
18 Huge goof
19 Tortilla chips
21 Obi
24 Ring decision
25 Castle protection
28 Mexican entree
30 Submachine gun
33 Night bird
34 Antitoxin
35 Disencumber
36 Grown-up elver
37 Renders speechless
38 Venomous vipers
39 Bleacher denizen
41 Unwanted e-mail
43 Jagger's band
46 Undergo catharsis
50 Hoodlum
51 Pop song of 1952
54 Dumbo's "wings"
55 Chic no longer
56 Greek vowels
57 Atomizer squirt

58 Teensy
59 Arp's art

Down

1 Impale
2 Timber wolf
3 Unyielding
4 Strip
5 Eggs
6 Have a bug
7 Furnace of a sort
8 Enterprise officer
9 A very late time
10 Comic-strip possum
11 Resorts international?
16 Historic period
20 Fermi's bit
22 Leftovers recipe
23 Cottontails
25 Curly's brother
26 Haven't paid yet
27 Card game for crawlers?
29 Point
31 Energy
32 Driver's lic. et al.
34 Logical
38 Entertained
40 Apprehension
42 Suitable
43 Goblet feature
44 Siamese



45 Pack away
47 — -tat-tat
48 Pleased

49 "Born Free" lioness
52 Shading
53 Noshed on

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7	6	5	9	8	3	4	1	2
2	3	8	5	4	1	7	6	9
4	9	1	6	7	2	3	5	8
9	8	2	1	6	4	5	3	7
6	4	3	2	5	7	9	8	1
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♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You may have to tread on toes today but that's OK because you have serious things to take care of and you don't have time for pleasantries.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You are in a playful mood at the moment and simply cannot be bothered with people whose outlook on life is negative.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

You may feel that someone has let you down, but it's not the end of the world, so snap out of it.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

You have a knack of being able to make other people believe you. Use that talent to your advantage.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

It's not true that you don't have as much talent as your rivals, so stop tormenting yourself.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

You can probably bluff your way out of trouble quite easily today but don't think you can go down this route indefinitely.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Don't push yourself too hard over the next two or three days because the serious stuff can quite safely be left until Monday morning.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

You won't be in a very chatty mood today, not at all your usual happy-go-lucky Sagittarian self.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

It seems you have come to the conclusion that certain issues are not worth getting worked up about.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

Don't give up on something just because it turns out to be harder than you expected.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

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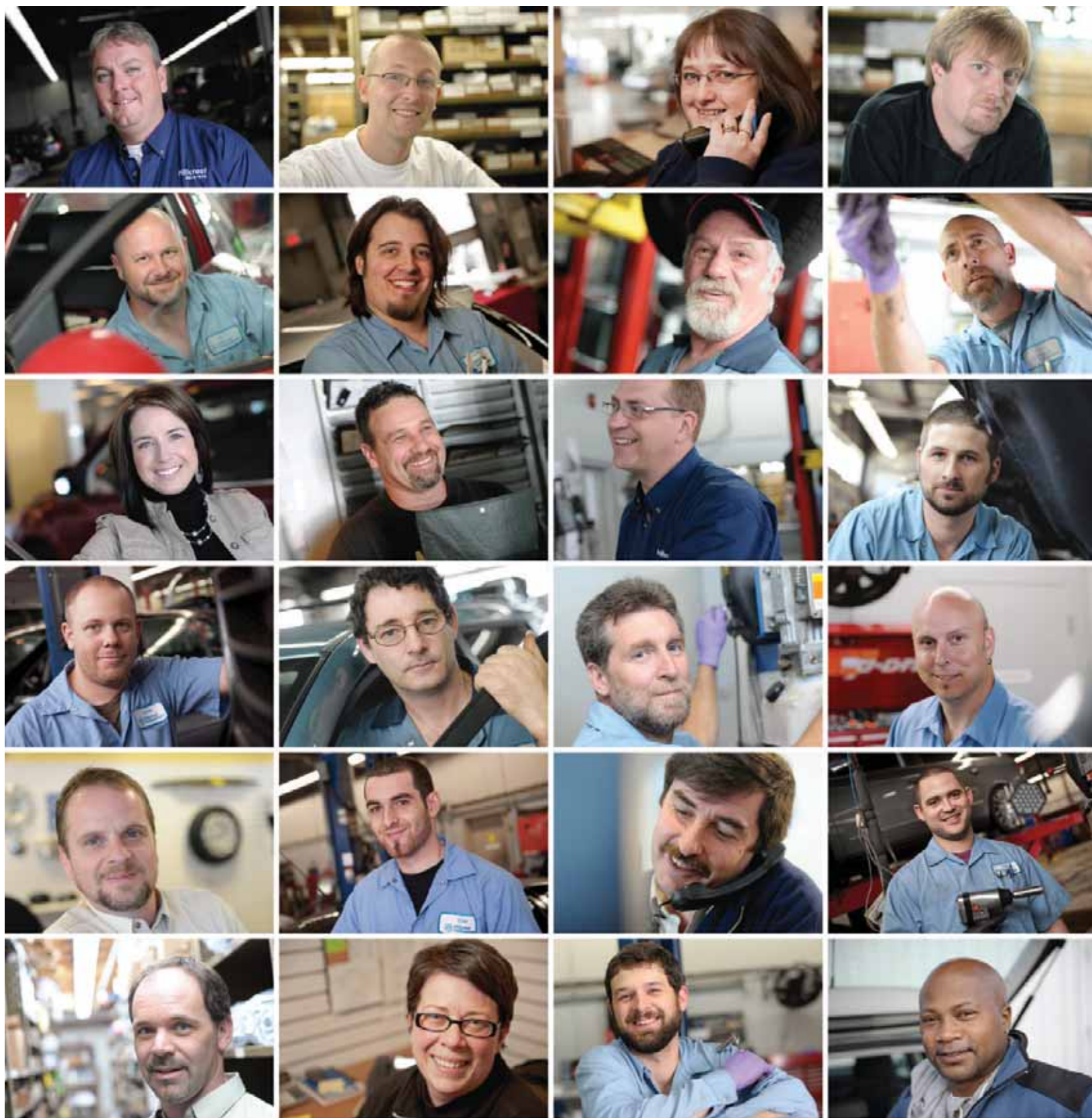
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